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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration. A courtesy copy of a United Kingdom Search Report Under Section 17 dated August 31, 1999, is attached hereto.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language. It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (367.40909X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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